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'Jena 6' draw protesters nationwide

Journey to Jena

JENA, La. — Tens of thousands of protesters from across the nation invaded the small Southern town of Jena, La., Thursday, calling for the release of teen Mychal Ball from prison and for a judge to drop charges against five other students.

Demonstrations led by NAACP leaders, Black Panthers and others took place across the town, in the LaSalle Parish Courthouse, Jena High School and on street corners in between.

Protesters came from as far as Chicago, Miami and Los Angeles, as well as USC.

Ball and the other students, who are all black, face charges of attempted murder for beating up a white student.

Sadiya Rahim, 44, a U.S. postal worker from Manning, said she came to Jena to stand up for what's right and that it is more than a racial issue.



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Second-year
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Frank Franklin II / The Associated Press

Thousands of chanting demonstrators march up first street Thursday, in Jena, La while more protesters filled the town.

"We have become passive and not done anything against the wrongs," she said. "We need to stand up for the right."

Rahim said she didn't think the teens' sentence was a matter of racial tension.

"It was blatantly wrong," she said. "I think (the judge)

would have been just as capable of doing this to a white kid or Mexican kid."

Rahim's daughter is a second-year USC student. Rahim's daughter was proud her mother went to Jena but had a hard time talking about the issue with her friends, the mother said.

"I want to set an example for my children," Rahim said.

Tresslyn Neff, 28, of Baton Rouge, La., got to Jena at 3 a.m. Thursday and had seen thousands of people by 9 a.m.

Neff said she stopped counting busloads of arriving

protest groups at 60.

Leann Murphy, CEO of the Central Louisiana chapter of the American Red Cross, said the state police projected 10,000 to 60,000 people to come to the town with a population just under 3,000.

Most Jena businesses were

shut down for the day, and the school was closed.

"The entire town shut down," said Jena business owner Sandra, 25. Sandra didn't want her last name printed because her husband works in law enforcement. "We didn't know what to expect or what the protesters had in mind," she said.

Surrounding the LaSalle Parish Courthouse were chanting demonstrators who listened and leaned on the words of speakers Rev. Al Sharpton and Rev. Jesse Jackson, among others.

Jackson led the crowd in chants of support for the "Jena Six" families.

"Have respect for Mychal, his family and his lawyers," Jackson said.

The controversy in the town started after a black high school student one day sat under a tree that normally only white students sat under. The next day, nooses hung from the tree, and intense racial tension filled the town.

At the high school Thursday, demonstrators stood where the oak tree once grew and called for "justice" for the students. They also said African-Americans should claim their identity as Africans first.

Elizabeth Smith, 18, of Houston Anti-Racist Action,

JENA • A2

Web site educates on alcohol

MyStudentBody.com serves students' health needs online

Melanie Griffin
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Students can go through alcohol education courses online instead of meeting in person, thanks to the Web site MyStudentBody.com.

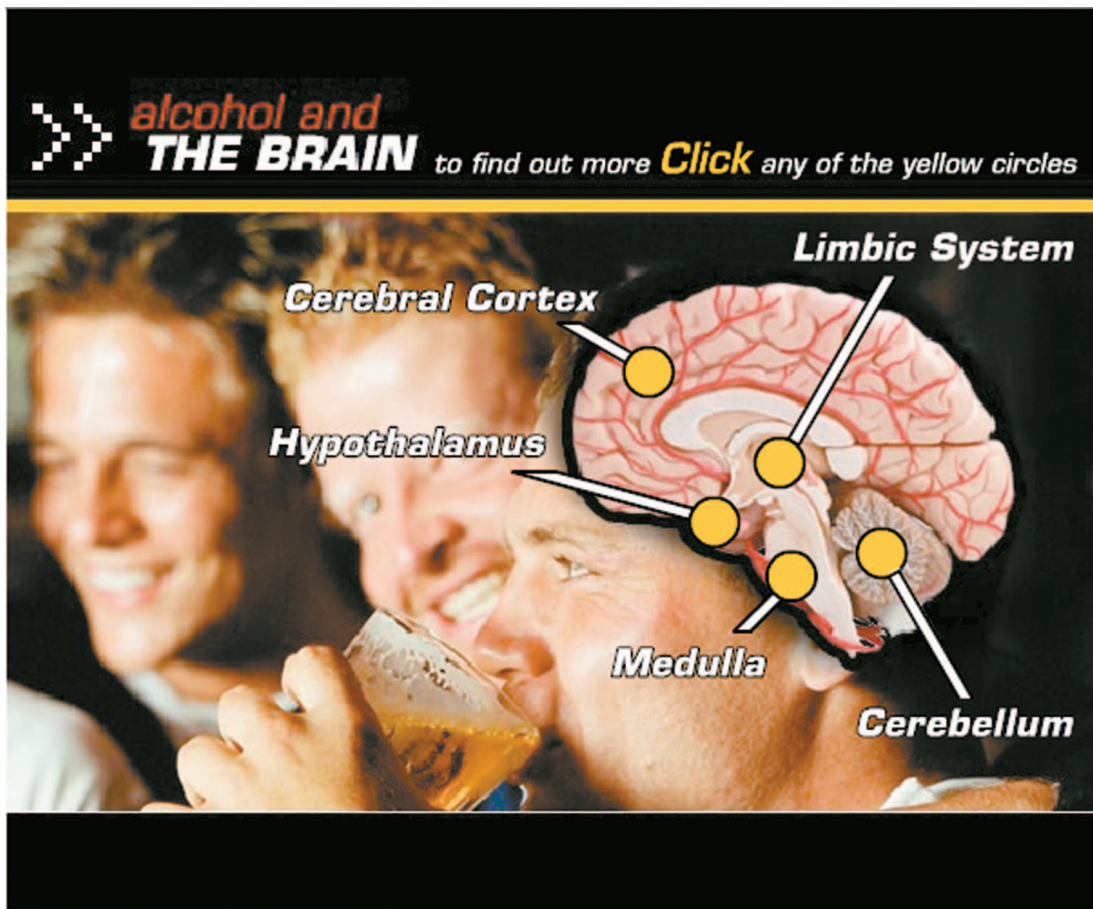
The site was created a few years ago, but USC started working with it this fall through the student life department.

"It's to raise awareness of the health and harm concerns associated with alcohol," said Larrell Wilkinson, alcohol director at USC. "We hope that all students, but especially undergraduates, will see this as a resource and take advantage of it."

Students can access the program through the school Alcohol and Drug Programs Web site: <http://www.sa.sc.edu/adp>, and register using a school e-mail address.

After users register, the site guides them through a self-administered risk assessment and pre- and post-knowledge quizzes. Finishing the online workshops earns a student a printable certificate. The program can be customized for first-year students, Greeks and athletes. Modules on drugs, nutrition and stress are also offered.

"We wanted to provide a very comprehensive package," Wilkinson said. "Since it's free, it's available to any student or anybody who has an Internet connection. The online seminars are very easy



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The Web site offers students free alcohol courses as well as drug, nutrition and stress.

to complete."

For Brandon McCollum, a second-year business management student, completing an online alcohol education program was mandatory before he could be initiated into his fraternity.

"It was more of a requirement," he said. "It didn't really change anything. I think the school's policies are too strict and that alcohol is safe if it's used responsibly

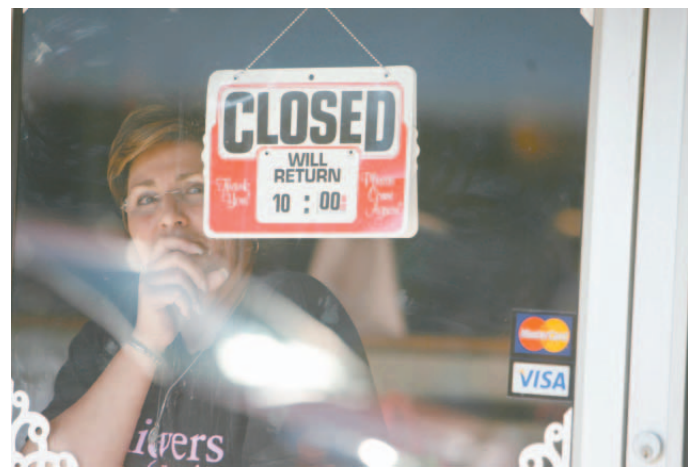
and in moderation."

"I think they should have contained places where students can drink and feel safe," said 26-year-old first-year business student Liz Baker. "Nobody pays attention to the reading because it's something we've all heard a thousand times before. Students are going to drink anyway, especially underage kids because it's illegal and so that makes it

cooler to them."

My Student Body is one attempt of several designed to help promote alcohol and drug prevention at USC. Others such as substance-free events such as those presented by Carolina Productions and Carolina After Dark, are also held to educate students on proper alcohol use.

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Sharon Steinmann / The Associated Press

A woman watches protesters from a shop in Jena, La.

Jena residents dismayed by negative news coverage

Brad Maxwell
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

JENA, La. — Residents of this tiny Louisiana town were overwhelmed Thursday by massive protests that caused most of the town's 66 businesses and its school to close, and most weren't happy about it.

Pam Sharp, 43, had a front-row seat to the mayhem as she watched from her front lawn.

She said the protesters made a mess of the town and not understanding what actually happened or the town's dynamics.

"They say we're blind because we grew up in a racist town," Sharp said. "That's just not true."

Sharp said the victim of the attack who spurred the protest, Justin Barker, had nothing to do with the nooses hung on the

oak tree.

She said it was an isolated incident and that many of the events reported as related had nothing to do with each other.

"From what I understand, the boy wasn't doing anything wrong," Sharp said. "And the principal approached him thinking (Barker) was dead. Where is Justin's justice?"

Sitting with her was a friend, 43-year-old Allie Sharp, whose daughter goes to the now-infamous school.

"My daughter said the black boys that came to the tree first were laughing," Allie Sharp said. She said the nooses were painted in school colors and had nothing to do with hate.

Protesters have gotten it wrong, said 26-year-old

PROTEST • A2

GIVE PEACE A CHANCE



Cristina Kubicki / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Shannon Feeney, fourth-year English major, sits on Greene Street to raise awareness for International Peace Day.

Kathleen Kemp
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Student organizations participated in International Peace Day, sponsored by the United Nations, on Thursday outside of the Russell House.

“We are trying to draw attention to human rights issues around the world,” said Shannon Feeney, Secretary of Amnesty International.

According to Feneey, a fourth-year English student, Amnesty International has been working to involve more USC students in all international topics, like the unrest and violence in Darfur and Uganda.

Amnesty International collaborated with the Worker Rights Consortium to hand out flyers quoting Malcolm X which said, “You can’t separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has freedom.”

“The Worker’s Rights Consortium has affiliated with USC to ensure that all Gamecock gear is made in factories with good conditions and fair wages,” said Jane Luxner, a fourth-year French major. That means Carolina sweatshirts wouldn’t be made in sweatshops.

Luxner also said the organization is promoting a petition for all students to sign.

It will be sent to college administrators to join the Designated Suppliers Program, an institute that protects workers who make university clothing.

“It is the right thing to do,” said Amanda Tatum, a second-year international studies student. “We need to raise awareness about these issues in a non-violent way.”

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Local flock keeps Sabbath

Seventh-day Adventist church draws large congregation from Columbia area

Katie Jones
STAFF WRITER

Pastor John Earnhardt was raised Methodist by bootleggers with “beer in his baby bottle,” but has come a long way religiously since then.

During his childhood, he mainly attended services on Easter and Christmas, but now Earnhardt has been a pastor for Columbia First Seventh-day Adventist for about a year. His wife teaches at the church’s Christian school, where approximately 30 students attend pre-K through ninth grade.

The church, located on approximately 20 acres in Lexington, has a radio station, WBAJ 890 AM, and TV shows on the Christian channel HopeTV.

Seventh-day Adventism is different from most Christian denominations because they keep the Sabbath from sundown on Friday until sundown on Saturday.

Earnhardt said many people wrongly believe that they go to church on Saturday to try and work their way into heaven.

“That’s not true at all. We go to church on Saturday because Jesus said the seventh day was the Sabbath. We keep the Sabbath because of what Christ said,” Earnhardt said.

Columbia First Seventh-day Adventist offers a Spanish service, car and motorcycle shows, mission trips, a “Pathfinders” group (the church’s version of Boy Scouts) and prophecy lectures.

The church works with various organizations around the Columbia area, such as the American Cancer Society.

The church also offers several classes to achieve a healthier lifestyle such as nutrition classes, programs geared at stress reduction and a stop-smoking class.

“Johnny Cash stopped smoking using our program,” Earnhardt said. “A lot of movie stars go

through our programs for drugs and alcohol and tobacco, to try and get off that kind of stuff.”

The nutrition classes are important in the Seventh-day Adventist faith because they focus on the body as well as the mental and spiritual realms.

“We also take the principles in the Bible where it talks about unclean and clean foods,” Earnhardt said. “We do not eat pork or any food in the Bible that is classified as unclean.”

Including Earnhardt and his family, he estimates that about half of the congregation is vegetarian, with half of the vegetarians being vegan.

“I feel we have higher standards than other churches,” Earnhardt said.

Some college students find that keeping Seventh-day Adventism’s high standards is difficult.

“Today in college I still face challenges,” second-year chemical engineering student Daniel Dawson said. “When my roommates and friends are sleeping off their Friday night fun, I get up early Saturday morning to go to the Columbia First Seventh

Day Adventist Church.”

Being a minority, Dawson faces other problems.

“Jokingly, I do wish there were more SDA ladies here at USC,” Dawson said.

Others have had a different experience, such as Robert Rolf, a first-year chemistry student.

“I am strong in my faith and have not had any trouble maintaining my belief in God in college,” Rolf said.

Keeping the Sabbath on Saturday in the Bible Belt, where one is almost forced to keep Sunday as a day of rest regardless of religion, proves difficult for some.

Oscar Cabrices, a first-year chemistry graduate student, said resting on the Sabbath is hard due to football games.

“It makes things harder because I’m supposed to relax, but the way I see it is that sports are relaxing to me. I love sports. And if I do them in the name of God then He won’t get mad at me at all,” Cabrices said. “In fact, I’m resting my way with Him keeping that constant oneness.”

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Sophie Tiner.

“It’s making our town look bad,” Tiner said.

Her boss, Sandra, 25, who didn’t want her last name printed because her husband works in law enforcement, said when she was in school, voluntary segregation divided the schoolyard.

“White people went to the black side, but blacks never chose to go to the white side,” she said. She said most of the town is not racist.

“My little brother’s best friend is black. His black friend has a white girlfriend,” she said.

Though she said

“troublemakers” exist in both the black and white communities in the town, “everybody gets along with everybody.”

She was adamant that outsiders had grossly mischaracterized her hometown.

“This is our town. Everybody knows

everybody and everybody is in everybody’s business. There is nothing wrong with this town.

“The town is a big family, really it is. For some reason, this has been totally out of this world.”

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Crime Report

TUES., SEPT. 18

Auto Break-in, Petit Larceny, 11 p.m.

1500 Block Whaley St.

An unknown person entered a locked Honda Accord by unknown means. A Sony CD player and several CDs were taken. Estimated value: \$185.

Reporting officer: M.S. Stover.

Petit Larceny, 9:45 p.m.

Blatt PE Center, 1328 Wheat St.

While the victim was unloading boating gear he

left the two Werner Yellow oars and one River Passage Grey oar on the ground. When he returned at 3 p.m. the next day they were gone. Estimated value: \$400.

Reporting officer: William D. Jones.

WED., SEPT. 19

Auto Break-in, Petit Larceny, 11:30 a.m.

Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, 1001 Blossom St.

An unknown subject broke the driver’s side window of a Honda Civic and took a black and multicolored purse containing some cash, a driver’s license and cards. Estimated value: \$43.

Reporting officer: M.S. Stover.

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said even though she wasn’t there when the incidents occurred, she doubts many of the townspeople were there either.

“It’s like terrorism,” Smith said. “Are nooses not a fear tactic?”

Smith said she hopes

that the rally would make people aware of a racist legal system.

Not all those who marched in Jena thought the black students were innocent – many said the charges didn’t fit the crime.

“When you have six

children in a fight, it’s wrong,” Neff said. She said the students “need to be punished for that” but they don’t deserve to spend 15 to 20 years in jail for it.

“Apparently I’m not alone in saying that,” she said.

Between 300 and 400 law enforcement officers

from across the state were on hand in Jena to control the protests if they got out of hand, but the day stayed “relatively” peaceful, said James Busby, a patrol officer from Franklin Parrish.

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Mother battles children, terrorists

Laura Mansfield is a mother of three who spends her days analyzing chat rooms, hacking web sites

Sagar Meghani
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Once her three kids are off to school, Laura Mansfield settles in at her dining room table with her laptop and begins trolling Arabic-

language message boards and chat rooms popular with jihadists.

Fluent in Arabic, the self-employed terror analyst often hacks into the sites, translates the material, puts it together and sends her analysis via a subscription service to intelligence agencies, law enforcement and academics.

Occasionally she comes across a gem, such as when she found a recent Osama

bin Laden video — before al-Qaida had announced it.

“I realized, oh my gosh, I’m sitting here, I’m a fat 50-year-old mom and I’ve managed to scoop al-Qaida,” said Mansfield, who uses that name as a pseudonym because she receives death threats.

She sometimes spends 100 hours a week online, and she often finds items after word has begun spreading on the Arabic forums of an

imminent release.

“It’s really important to understand what the jihadists think and how they’re planning on doing things,” she said. “They’re very vocal. They tell us what they’re going to do and then they go out and do it.”

Mansfield tips off her intelligence sources when she does find something new, part of an informal working relationship with the government.

“When I send them something, it’s welcome,” she said. “They thank me.”

There have been times when an impending video release has kept her from a planned shopping trip with her daughter.

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Man kills child in front of mother

Unsolved killing of 7-year-old boy raises questions in S.C. city

Katrina A. Goggins
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA - The young mother called police with a story out of any parent's nightmares.

Amanda Reagan Smith says a knife-wielding carjacker forced her to drive to a secluded, wooded area in Greenville, S.C., Once there, he pushed her out, locked the car doors and pressed a pillow to the face of her 7-year-old son.

The 26-year-old former nursing student said she shattered one of the car windows and struggled with the assailant. But when deputies arrived, little Devon Epps was dead on the ground next to the car, his mother on a cell phone with a 911 dispatcher. An autopsy indicated the boy had been strangled.

Now, more than a month after the Aug. 12 killing, the case remains unsolved. And the worry that once filled Greenville has sharpened into questions about his mother's account. The case has also revived vivid memories of another mother named SmithóSusan Smithówho told a similar tale.

In the hours after the killing, police dogs and helicopters searched the woods where Amanda Reagan Smith said the attacker had fled. Sketches of a suspect she described were posted in businesses and neighborhoods.

Sheriff's deputies say they

are pursuing more than 60 leads in Devon's death, and forensic tests are still being performed on the car where his mother said he was killed.

"It's one of those situations where we are just having to exhaust every lead that comes in," sheriff's Lt. Shea Smith said. "We're not calling the mother a suspect at this time, but certainly we are looking at the whole investigation. We're not ruling out any possibility at this point."

In 1994, about an hour east of Greenville, a woman named Susan Smith reported that she had been carjacked by a man who escaped with her sons.

Smith went on national television to beg for the boys' safe return. Days later, she confessed to strapping them into their car seats and letting her vehicle roll into a lake, where they drowned. She was sentenced to life in prison.

Attorney Tommy Pope, who as a prosecutor sought the death penalty for Susan Smith, said the most recent carjacking scenario gives "pause for concern."

"Arguably if the goal was to have the car, he had the car," Pope said in an interview. "A child would be the least likely target in that scenario. Stranger things have happened, but it begs a number of questions."

Andrea Regan Smith's relatives declined to comment when reached by The Associated Press and refused to have her talk about the case.

In an obituary, they wrote: "Devon, you are such a joy in our lives. You will be greatly missed and remain forever in our hearts. Love, Mama and family."



The Associated Press

On Aug. 20 there was a memorial for Devon Epps, near where he was killed. Now, the case still remains unsolved.

Records obtained by The Associated Press show the boy nearly perished in a house fire just a few months before he was killed.

On May 1, Devon Epps was hospitalized for smoke inhalation after a fire that started in the bedroom where he was sleeping destroyed a third of home where he and his mother lived. Smith told authorities she had "left a lamp turned on as well as a night light," according to a police report. The fire was ruled accidental, and authorities have not reopened that case.

Smith attended Greenville Technical College as a nursing student from 2003 to 2006, according to the school, which declined to

provide more information about her. Police say it's unclear whether she was employed at the time of the killing.

Parents are no longer afraid of a killer on the loose in Greenville, a city of 56,000.

"A lot of people have their own ideas of who they feel did it," said Amoretta Dogan, volunteer chairwoman of the Parent Teacher Association at Devon's former elementary school.

Smith's neighbor Debra Drinkard said she didn't know the mother and son well because they had lived on her street only a few months. The two stayed to themselves, she said.

"It was just mostly him and her," said Drinkard, who lived across the street. "There's a lot of unanswered questions. Whether she's telling the truth I couldn't say ... but the account does seem strange."

Soon after the slaying, a television reporter interviewing the boy's father, David Epps, told him that some members of his own family thought the sketch based on Amanda Reagan Smith's description looked a little like an older version of David Epps himself.

Looking at the sketch, Epps said the revelation was "weird." He was in jail at the time of the killing for failure to pay child support, police said.

"God will have his vengeance and the person who's guilty will eventually be revealed," Epps told Greenville television station WYFF.

Lt. Smith said the relationship between David Epps and Smith at the time of the killing is unclear. Attempts by the AP to reach David Epps were unsuccessful. A phone number listed in his name was unpublished.

Pope, the former prosecutor, said it's human nature to think that only a stranger could kill a child.

"We feel better if it's a carjackeróthe boogeyman that comes to do it," he said. "That we can kind of prepare for and protect for."

God responds to lawsuit

Nebraska court finds rebuttal to suit filed by state legislator

Nate Jenkins
The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. - A legislator who filed a lawsuit against God has gotten something he might not have expected: a response.

One of two court filings from "God" came Wednesday under otherworldly circumstances, according to John Friend, clerk of the Douglas County District Court in Omaha."This one miraculously appeared on the counter. It just all of a sudden was here—poof!" Friend said.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha sued God last week, seeking a permanent injunction against the Almighty for making

terroristic threats, inspiring fear and causing "widespread death, destruction and terrorization of millions upon millions of the Earth's inhabitants."

Chambers, a self-proclaimed agnostic who often criticizes Christians, said his filing was triggered by a federal lawsuit he considers frivolous. He said he's trying to makes the point that anybody can sue anybody.

Not so, says "God." His response argues that the defendant is immune from some earthly laws and the court lacks jurisdiction.

It adds that blaming God for human oppression and suffering misses an important point. "I created man and woman with free will and next

to the promise of immortal life, free will is my greatest gift to you," according to the response, as read by Friend.

There was no contact information on the filing, although St. Michael the Archangel is listed as a witness, Friend said.

A second response from "God" disputing Chambers' allegations lists a phone number for a Corpus Christi law office. A message left for that office was not immediately returned Thursday.

Attempts to reach Chambers by phone and at his Capitol office Thursday were unsuccessful.

Associated Press Writer Anna Jo Bratton in Omaha contributed to this report.

FIREFIGHTERS COMBAT CAMPUS BLAZE



Brandon Davis /Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Columbia Firefighters respond to a small fire on the 3rd Floor at the UTS Building on corner of 1244 Blossom Street, no one was injured services returned to normal within the hour.

Weekend Preview

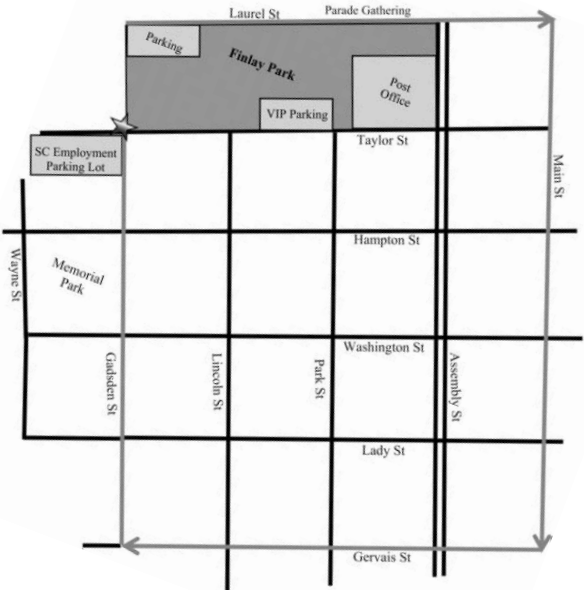
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Located at corner of Sumter Street and Calhoun Street.

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Miracle Myle Walk and 5K Run at Sarge Frye Field Saturday at 7:30 a.m. with Loretta Claiborne.

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S.C. Pride Parade at Finlay Park Saturday at noon. *(See above map)*

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IN OUR OPINION

Jena incident proves racism still endures

Here’s an image for you: thousands of activists board buses and descend en masse upon a small Louisiana town to protest the judicial system’s unfair treatment of several young black men accused of trying to murder a white classmate.

Fifty years ago, events like the ones unfolding right now in Jena, La., were commonplace, but the United States outgrew its racist history and evolved into a more egalitarian, colorblind state. Finally, in the words of

political theoretician John Rawls, race was “arbitrary from a moral point of view.”

Or so we thought.

It’s shameful that this culture of racial polarity still exists in some places in our country.

When people act out of fear, hate and misunderstanding it brings out the worst.

Remember, these charges didn’t come from out of nowhere; tensions had been building up for weeks before the event that led to the arrests of six high school students.

The list of events leading up to the final fight shows deep-seeded hate and anger by all parties involved.

When racism divides a community of people too young to remember Jim Crow and the Little Rock Nine, it shows that old wounds are taking far too long to heal, for both black and white Americans.

When people act out of fear, hate and misunderstanding like they have in Jena, it brings out the worst in everyone and raises the question of whether or not Americans of all colors are ever going to be able to put race aside once and for all.

If we can learn one thing from Jena, it’s that we’re not nearly as evolved as we thought we were.

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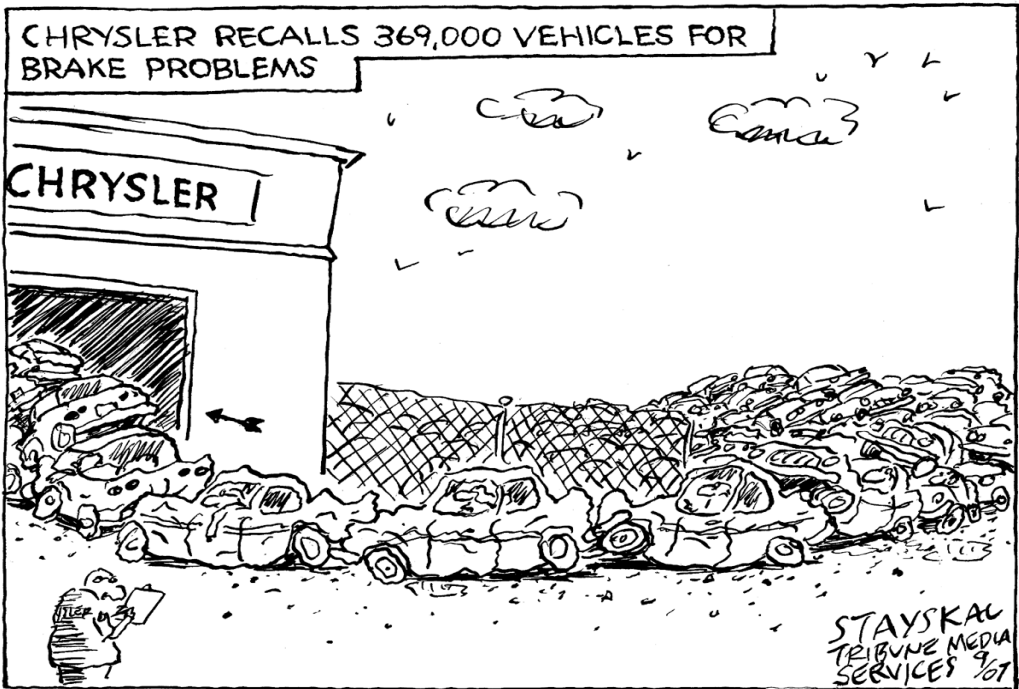
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JUST JOSHIN’ YOU

Long-term plan necessary for Iraq fix

Voters should do research on policies before casting votes come Election Day

Mike Huckabee’s recent visit to Columbia proved to be another serving of what is becoming a proverbial buffet for the Palmetto State. Unfortunately this election is looking less and less like a delicious Doc’s BBQ all-you-can-eat and more like a sketchy seafood place a little too far inland.

If I may take this ill metaphor even further, I would say that Iraq war policy is the vegetable being heaped onto voters’ plates. Nobody likes to eat their veggies, but, as usual, it is critical in this case.

Iraq should, and probably will, weigh on everyone’s mind come Election Day.

Whoever I vote for (or chose to not vote against, as the case may be) will most certainly have to have a long-term strategy for the region.

The key here is long-term — I cannot vote for a candidate who does not plan on staying in Iraq until the country is fully stable.

This doesn’t mean I



JOSH RABON
Third-year finance student

about how stupid the war is, how much of a waste it’s been or even how great it’s been—that is past. I want to hear about the future. And I want to hear a vision for the future that doesn’t involve a quick pullout.

In today’s age, we’ve come to expect quick results. All the time, everything is always faster and better. Unfortunately, it set us all up for unrealistic expectations in this case. This war is only a few years old — did people really think we would go over there, put foot to some terrorist butt and everyone in the Middle East would just love America? Or, at the very least, fear America enough not to mess with us?

We’re talking about people who will kill themselves just to hurt us.

supported the war from the start; I definitely didn’t. But there is no point in cracking on Bush now. It’s a sunk cost. I’m not interested in hearing

This is not a war against a traditional enemy who will surrender. This is war against a culture and state of mind.

Did racism simply evaporate with Brown v. Board of Education? How about 1964’s Civil Rights Act? Or was it at Appomattox Courthouse over a century ago? It’s been a long time, but look at the progress that’s been made. But it wasn’t fast, and it wasn’t easy.

Just as one strong blow to an evil state of mind can’t kill it, it will take continued pressure to rid America of this evil facing us. We can’t possibly hope to persuade the 22-year-old man training with a terrorist cell. But we can and must provide the environment for the children to grow up with a open minds.

When the terrorist cell goes to recruit that child a decade from today, what America will he know? The country that risked its own children’s lives to protect bring stability, or the country that came, toppled a dictator and left the country in civil war?

Better eat your veggies next November

Internet porn ruins stripping industry

Online options take away young boys’ traditional means of losing innocence

Staring at the fuzzy channels on television? Check. Helping finance and conceal the purchase of an extraordinarily revealing (read: pornographic) magazine on a middle school field trip? Check. Signing on as the high school mascot, at least in part because it gave me an all-access pass to the cheerleaders’ bus? Check.

The list could go on. You won’t find any soul more determined in the world than that of a young man trying to get a glimpse of the female body.

Yet despite my promising past, I have yet to experience the sights, sounds and sensations of those graveyards littered with the careers of failed models and former Saved By The Bell actresses that we so tenderly refer to as strip clubs.

This is why I predict that within thirty years the entire nudie-dancing industry will collapse and become nothing more than

a saggy, wrinkled shell of its former self.

And why are we seeing this decline in strip club patronage? Internet porn. It’s ruining our children! Young boys don’t have to work for their fix anymore!

Long gone are the days of the ragged centerfold hidden deep in little Billy’s wallet that could render an entire lunch table helpless with mouths wide open and legs shamefully crossed. Long gone are the days of spending the night with the kid who gets HBO.

Imagine the consequences if we let our young men make all their discoveries online!

South Carolina’s stripping industry would fail. Thousands of women would lose their jobs. Men who hang out in strip clubs would be forced to mix with the general population. By all accounts Myrtle Beach would literally cease to



CHASE STODENMIRE
Fourth-year history student

exist.

If we want to save our strip clubs, we need to train our young men to be a little less American Pie and a little more Porky’s—because nothing says “I’m a manly-man stud, admire my heterosexual potency” like paying good money to walk into a room full of partially nude women who don’t know you and won’t touch you but, like grown-up versions of the pony rides at the grocery store, can be persuaded to rock back and forth for a minute or two by giving it some cash.

So do your part in the fight against Internet porn and go find a strip club. If you don’t know where to find one, just drive around until you see a place that’s name consists of some sort of valuable material plus a numerical modifier (Platinum Plus, Double Diamond’s Double D’s) or a terrible misspelling or pun on a James Bond film title. (4 Your Eyez Only, Goldnipple.)

Afterwards, tell me all about it. I’m terribly curious.

Bigger not necessarily better with technology

Guy culture reverses from old mentality as smaller gadgets now inflate egos

Twenty-five years ago, a normal guy conversation would never include an argument whose starting phrase is, “I bet mine is smaller.”



TRAVIS FRAYARD
Second-year business student

Let’s face it guys, we pretty much fit our stereotype. We like things big. Why settle for a V-6 when a V-8 is out there waiting for us? Why have a bass only big enough to shake our car when we know,

with a little more effort, we can have one big enough to shake all the cars around us as well?

Bigger is better. Or at least, it was.

Now, a reversal of sorts seems to have infiltrated our closed off guy culture. The “bigger is better” attitude now only applies in certain cases — there is such a thing as too big.

As the years progress, technology constantly becomes smaller and the new race among men is to have the smallest gadget possible.

Just how many pieces of technology can you squeeze into those new tight-fitting jeans that aren’t really your style but you wear them anyway because your girlfriend picked them out and likes you to wear them because they make you look like you have a good butt?

Just as technology has adapted to fit into our lifestyle, we have adapted our lifestyle to fit in technology. To an extent, your bodies have become numb to technology. Your cell phone is likely to be in your jeans pocket right now, pressed up against your thigh, adding weight to your pocket and you cannot feel a thing. In fact, are you sure which pocket it is even in without patting your sides to check?

The eventual goal of all this miniaturization of technology is to be able to create microchips, too small to be seen, that can be embedded somewhere in our heads and will incorporate everything we have in our pockets right now.

However, while small is undeniably good, let’s face it guy, we cannot use the current vocabulary typically associated with “small” items. No matter how slim our phones are we must make sure we never make a slip in judgment and use such words as dainty and petite. We must be sure to talk about technology in the same way we have talked about mechanics.

“That Harley has a 350cc engine with twin pistons pumping at 3000 rpm.”

“This phone has a 2.7 megapixel camera with integrated Bluetooth capability and weighs only 4 ounces.”

Bigger was better because with bigger there was more to brag about. Now, even though the things we are buying have gotten smaller, we must make sure our egos stay sufficiently inflated. Because as every guy well knows, it is our egos that give us our undeniable charm.

Question of the Week: Do you think OJ Simpson deserves to be in jail after being arrested for armed robbery?

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Metal band Between the Buried and Me release the fourth LP, “Colors,” to a wave of enthusiastic support from fans.

‘Colors’ worthy of respect

Between the Buried and Me expand boundaries of metal music with their newest album

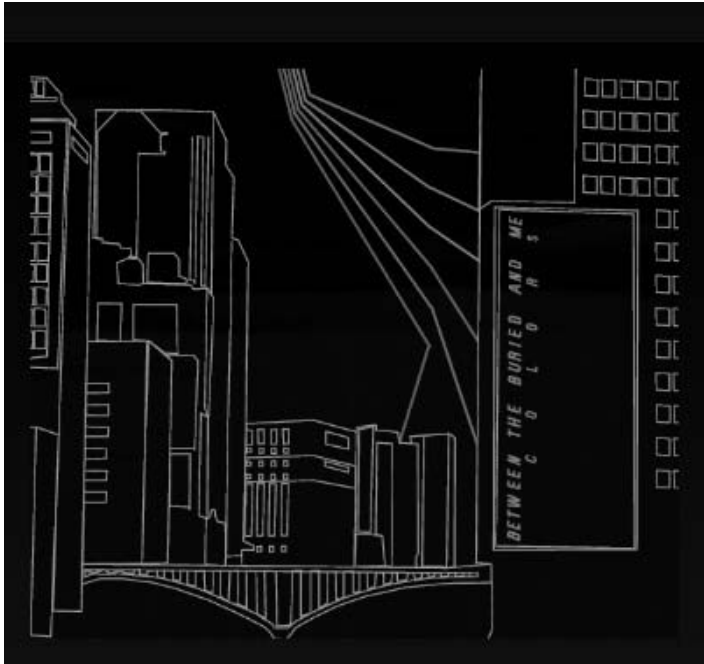
“Colors”
Between the Buried and Me
★★★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

Thomas Moore
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

With three studio albums released and an enormous underground following to boast, Between the Buried and Me had already established themselves as a staying power in melodic metal. With their fourth LP, “Colors,” released September 18 on Victory Records, BTBAM has managed to not only blow the entire Victory Records catalogue out of the water (a task that might not seem too difficult, depending upon whom you ask), they have dominated all of the metal core outfits to whom many of their fans are partial and with whom they often tour.

Essentially, “Colors” is a complete thought, a tour-de-force of musical acumen. As my friend who first got me seriously interested in BTBAM once said, “Between the Buried and Me is the thinking man’s metal band.”

The album begins with a haunting and beautiful piano part overlapped with



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front man Tommy Roger’s crooning. From this, the track takes the direction into a pleasing and melodic direction and then reverts into an evil-sounding tone that lets the listener know that something is about to go down—and so begins track two. For the first few minutes, BTBAM offers up classic BTBAM riffs and breakdowns, only to break down into a jazzy interlude that calls to mind the early work of Like Lions.

The track comes to a climax with a mind-

boggling and irresistible set of off-tempo riffing.

The group alternates between their crushing metal sound of past albums and highly inventive interludes that are completely unexpected but appropriate. Throughout the rest of the opus, BTBAM incorporates a freaky circus-like chorus of “la-la-ing,” atmospheric tribal drumming, integration of accordion and at the end of “Ants of the Sky,” a bar scene with an upbeat backwoods country

tune, no doubt an ode to (or a jab at) their southern heritage. And however odd these interludes may sound, they are never out of place.

Most, if not all, of the songs also have a melodic climax of sorts. Essentially, BTBAM makes accommodations for every listener: the metal-head in everyone with their speed-metal riffing at the outset of “Ants of the Sky,” the hard core kid with their multiple and far from banal breakdowns, the weirdo who enjoys funky interludes and the melody lovers, with their epic melodies.

Between the Buried and Me, with “Colors,” have released an album worthy of respect and admiration. They have created a non-stop original composition of eight songs, which could just as easily be grouped into two or three. They have expanded the boundaries of not only metal, but of music as a whole. BTBAM is not only highly talented, but fearless in their originality and style. They are simply five guys who cannot help but push themselves to be their very best, and it shows on “Colors.”

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Hot Hot Heat burns bright with new CD

‘Happiness LTD.’
pleases critics, fans
with catchy, pop tone

Colin Jones
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“Happiness LTD.,” The Canadian rock outfit’s follow up to 2005’s well received major label debut “Elevator,” plays heavily on combining the sad with the danceable.

While most of the lyrics conjure up thoughts of heartbreak and loneliness, the music heavily contrasts with upbeat guitars, keyboards and accompaniment.

The title track, “Happiness LTD.,” opens the album with bouncing synthesizer notes and morose lyrics. Singer Steve Bays sorrowfully croons, “Happiness is limited but misery has no end/ Give us somewhere we can go instead of one more day of it.” The song ends with the band chanting ‘It’s over now’ repeatedly.

The band still consists of vocalist Bays, bassist Dustin Hawthorne and drummer Paul Hawley.

The change in sound for Hot Hot Heat can be attributed to the newest addition, guitarist Luke Paquin. Paquin replaced former guitarist Dante DeCaro when he departed from the band after recording “Elevator.”

“Let Me In,” the album’s first single, brings back the same upbeat pop attitude featured on previous singles, “Goodnight Goodnight” and “Middle of Nowhere.” Once again the sad attitude is brought up on the song with lyrics that state, “Don’t let it tear us apart again limb from limb/ Please let me in.”

But while the song has the same energy as the latter singles it still feels like one of the weakest songs on the album. In ways it seems as if the song was made to be a single.

For this album, the band brought in producing heavyweight and former Marvelous 3 member Butch Walker. Walker, a veteran of the music scene, has produced songs for The

“Happiness LTD.”
Hot Hot Heat
★★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆



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All-American Rejects, The Academy Is... and Pete Yorn.

The producer also provided his vocals on the title track “Happiness LTD.,” “Outta Heart” and “My Best Fiend.” His work on the album shows up in the clarity of the tracks and outward professional attitude.

The band diverges from their usual sound of the track “Outta Heart.” With a backing orchestra at certain parts and a slow acoustic guitar the song is an unusual direction for Hot Hot Heat.

While being a different choice, the song is still a progressive step for the band. Instead of staying with their usual formula that they know works they change and it actually sounds good.

Bays sings on the song, “I’m outta my soul/ I’m out in the dark/ I’m outta my mind/ And I’m outta my heart.” The band should continue to push this dark and epic sound just to keep things interesting for the listener.

“My Best Fiend” sounds frantic and sped up as if the song itself were in a nervous panic. The keyboards play back and forth in the beginning until the band comes in with a rush of sound. The band’s true sound of panic and pop are brought together with this track.

While “Happiness LTD.” is a good step in the career of Hot Hot Heat, it’s not their finest. Previous albums showed a greater depth of energy in the sound and displayed freshness in the music.

The group does know how to write decent pop songs, but the next step is for them to take their sound to a greater level.

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Celeb gossip marks two for instant fame, renown

“Caught in the nude”
Vanessa Hudgens gains exposure on Internet

Lauren Smith
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Vanessa Hudgens, star of Disney’s “High School Musical” series, reportedly sent a nude photo of herself to actor Drake Bell of Nickelodeon’s “Drake and Josh,” which surfaced on the Internet around two weeks ago.

Things like this appearing on our news tickers and in our tabloids always raise the obvious question: when are nude photos ever a good idea? Especially when you’re someone who could potentially care about his or her public image in the future?

These days it seems every celebrity has a sex tape, they all pose in racy photos and



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they all still successfully shock the public every time they end up on the Internet.

Now the teen star, who has reportedly ditched her beau after her name and body hit the headlines, is thinking about posing for a men’s magazine, but will pass on Playboy.

Hudgens has reportedly gone from being embarrassed over the photos, to now embracing her womanhood and sex appeal.

I guess the musical series doesn’t have a sing-able lesson about using common sense.

Chris Crocker cries for idol,
makes his mark as web’s go-to guy for problems

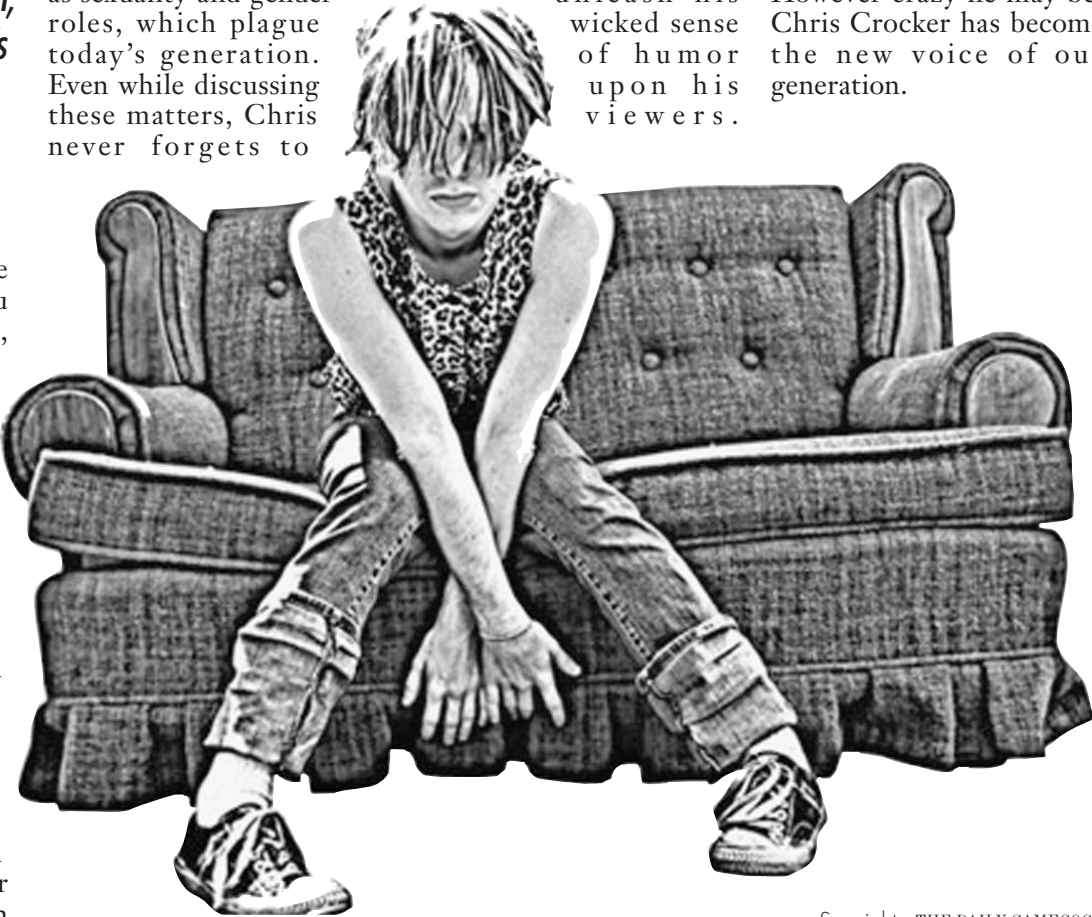
Andrea Pelnar
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Never underestimate the power of a web cam. You Tube’s overnight sensation, Chris Crocker, has turned his personal video “diaries” into media gold. The Internet celebrity’s claim to fame is a three-minute tirade about his beloved idol, Britney Spears. Crocker’s outbursts of fury and obsession are a tad bizarre, yet they possess a delightful outrageousness that cannot be ignored. Although most of his videos are similar in content, there are a few that possess a touch of sincerity and vulnerability. Crocker tackles many issues, such

as sexuality and gender roles, which plague today’s generation. Even while discussing these matters, Chris never forgets to

unleash his wicked sense of humor upon his viewers.

However crazy he may be, Chris Crocker has become the new voice of our generation.



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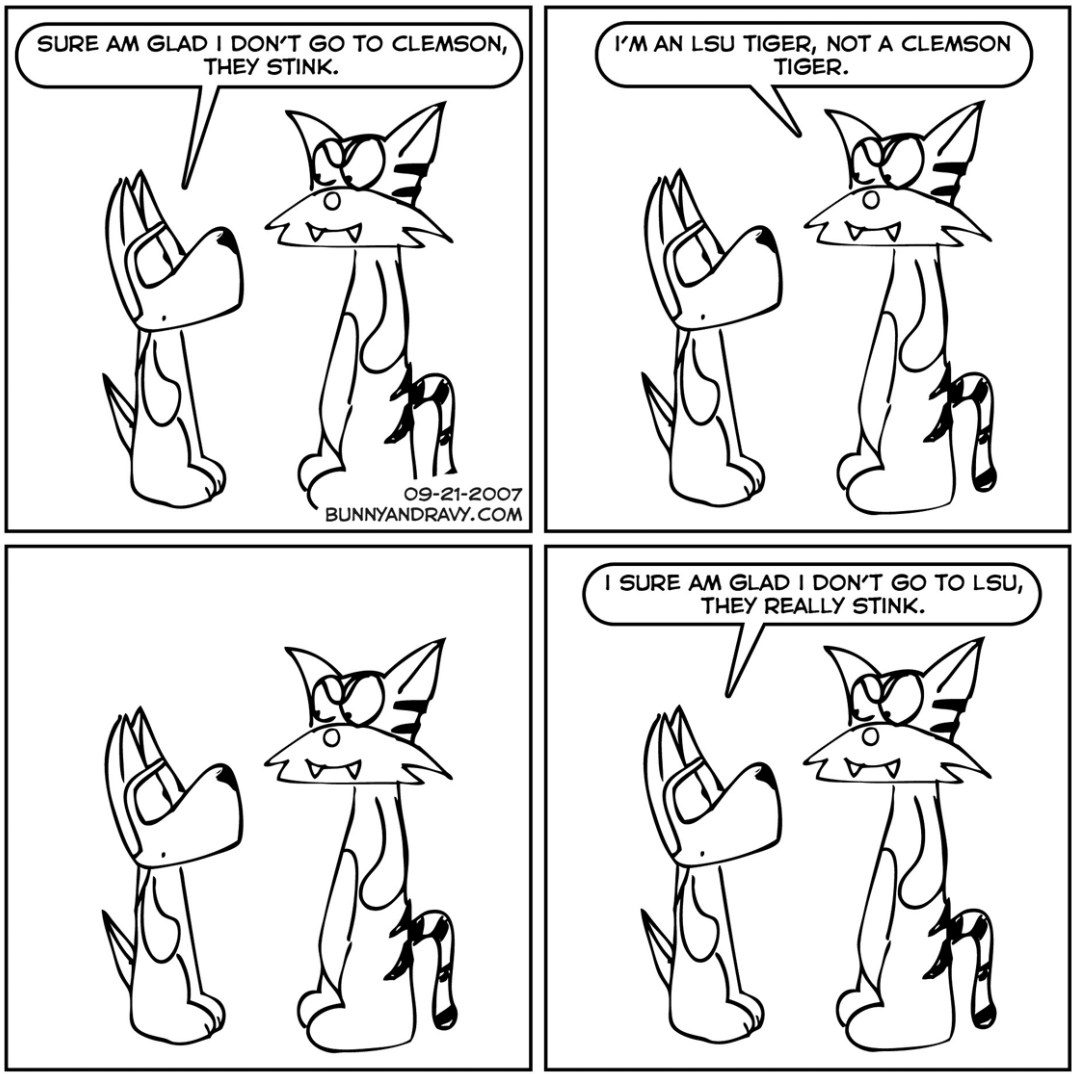
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Matthew Snider, a second year Anthropology major, colors a peace sign that represents his meaning of peace.

Inside the Box ♦ By Marlowe Leverette



Falling Rock National Park ♦ By Josh Shalek



the scene at USC

The Starting Line



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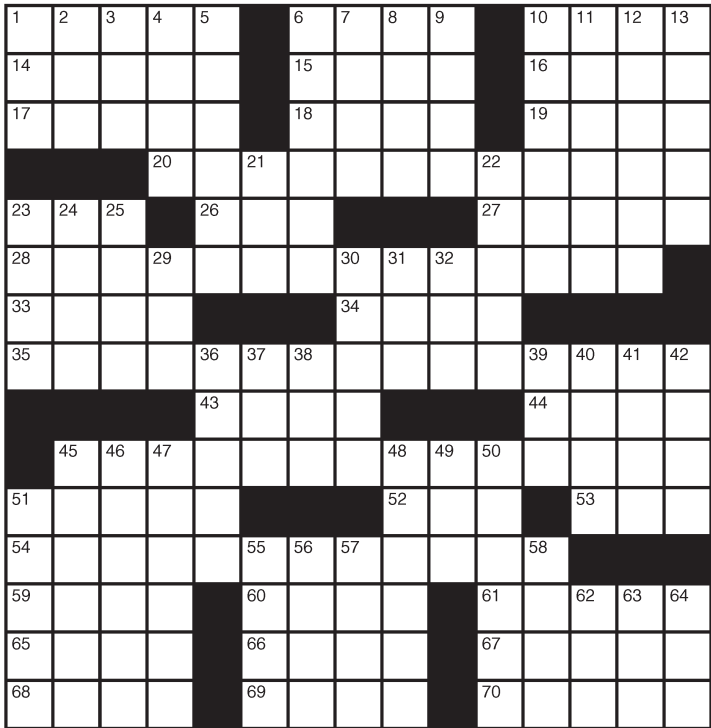
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DIGGING UP THE PAST

'94 team remembers burying Tigers in Bayou Battle

Alex Riley
SPORTS EDITOR

A granite slab sits in the corner of the football practice facility off of Bluff Road. Hardly taller than two feet, the block is one of five pieces making up an old and forgotten tradition for Carolina football.

The oldest stone's inscription is simple: October 1, 1994, USC 18, LSU 17, Tiger Stadium, Baton Rouge, La.

This stone, along with two other game stones, a monument stone and a blank slab, comprise what then-first-year coach Brad Scott tabbed as "The Graveyard"—a place where USC would bury its opponents on the road.

"He brought it from Florida State. It was kind of a neat thing to get some turf, put it in a little box and put a little headstone and it turned out to be a pretty neat thing," former USC quarterback Steve Taneyhill said of the tradition. "When you see it everyday it reminds you, especially if you're on that team, it makes for a pretty neat head game thing."

Despite the fact Scott's graveyard concept was short-lived, its mark is one that is still felt in the series between the Bayou Bengals and Fighting Gamecocks.

LSU's margin of 14 victories, two losses and one tie give the Tigers a commanding series lead. But you couldn't have told that to the 1994 squad.

"It was a great game," former USC running back Brandon Bennett said. "It was just one of those things where as a team we came together and we felt we could win and everybody was confident and we were just determined to win."

That attitude was about the only positive aspect Carolina had going into the game.

A 3-1 start had garnered little national attention and being the team selected to play in LSU's homecoming game doesn't make room for much confidence building.

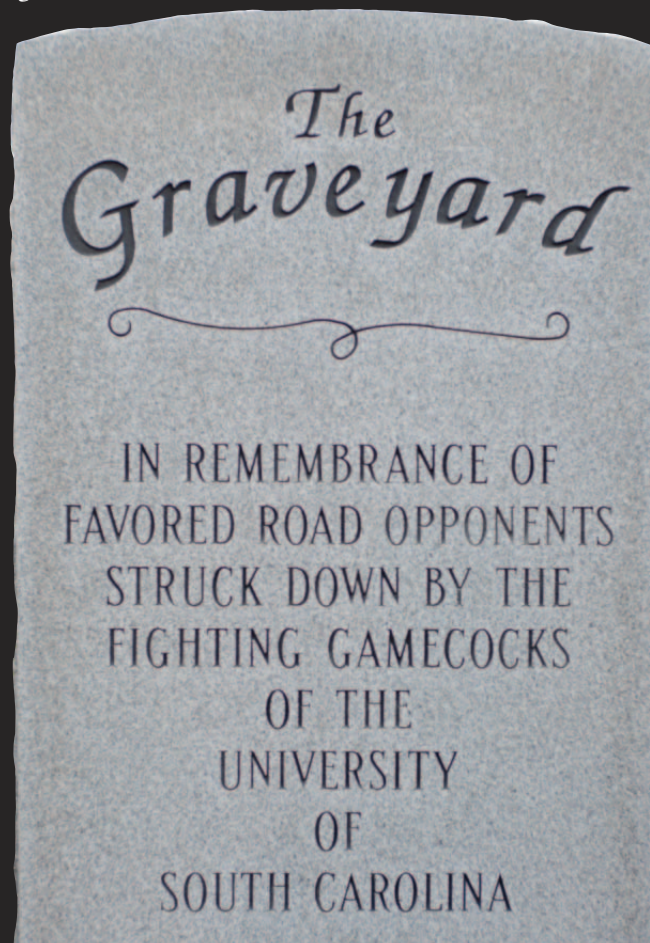
"It was very tough. It was raining so it was kind of wet and soggy that day," fellow Gamecock running back Stanley Pritchett said. "It was a night game so we had to wait all day. You go into the stadium and whole 90,000 are loud and itching to get you going."

With deplorable conditions from Mother Nature and hostile fanfare, things didn't bode well when LSU scored first in the opening quarter. Quarterback Jamie Howard's 11-yard

strike to Eddie Kennison put Carolina in a hole.

A hole they'd quickly dig out of.

Though Taneyhill is the remembered name for quarterbacks during the mid-90s, Blake Williamson was the change-up of the team. The



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Three gravestones are reminders of Carolina upset victories over road opponents during the 1994 season. The tradition died out following the departure of former coach Brad Scott.

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senior was primarily used in goal line situations, handing the ball to either Bennett or Pritchett as USC tried to power in for a score. As Carolina inched closer to the endzone, Williamson came in at the 3-yard line for what the Tiger defense assumed to be a running play.

Just what Bennett and Scott hoped they'd do.

"The thing about that game was we were running the ball and doing some stuff, but they were getting to where they were keying everybody up to start to stop the run," Bennett said. "So we we're just like they're keying on you, so lets try to show them something where you can suck them in. That's something that we had worked on."

As Bennett took the handoff from Williamson, the reserve quarterback sprinted out left and with one flick of the wrist floated a pass over an LSU rusher and into the hands of a wide open Williamson for the score.

Carolina went into the half trailing 14-12 after Taneyhill hooked up with tight end Toby Cates for a score but the team failed to convert on the two-point conversion.

The Gamecock defense harassed Howard, who had thrown three interceptions

that were returned for touchdowns the previous week against Auburn, continually in the second half.

Current NFL starter Terry Cousin led the defensive effort with two interceptions as USC forced three fumbles on the way to five total turnovers and the upset victory.

"We did what we had to to win the game," Taneyhill said. "I think we had two or three interceptions on defense, I don't know that we turned it over on offense, but we just seemed to have a good game. It was really a team effort from all three phases of the game."

Allowing just a field goal in the third quarter, Carolina took the lead for good when Pritchett capped his 90-yard rushing day with a 24-yard scamper to the endzone.

The play was set up by David Turnipseed's fumble recovery just 31 seconds earlier.

"What stands out is the victory. You know that was Coach Scott's first year. It was like a big statement game for us as a program and for him," Pritchett said. "We had a big celebration in the locker room because everybody was so excited about it."

That first-ever win on the bayou propelled the Gamecocks to an entire season of firsts: first winning season in three seasons,

first bowl bid in six seasons and, the most note worthy accomplishment at the time, first-ever bowl victory.

"It was big, very big," Bennett said. "We're down there and the game is going back and forth and back forth and everything. We're playing great, they're playing great, both stopping each other and then to pull out that win when a lot of people had us picked not to win that game was big. It gave us a lot of momentum."

"We felt like it gave us a lot of momentum and it gave us a lot of confidence in each other and it showed our team was able to play in the SEC."

That confidence is what both Bennett and Pritchett believe the Gamecocks need come Saturday as they travel to face LSU in Death Valley once again.

"To be able to go down there and compete with those guys and then to pull out the upset would really be big cause that's going to give them a lot of confidence that they can play with anybody," Bennett said.

While it will assuredly be a tough match-up, Pritchett believes the 2007 installment of the team can do exactly what the 1994 team did as long as they stick together.

After all, nothing is carved in stone.

Yet.

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USC vs. LSU, 1994: key players



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Alex Riley's Ballot

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SEC powers set for head-on collision

Out of division meetings set tone for possible conference championships

Austin Smallwood
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Comeback victories by Kentucky and Alabama as well as solid victories by Florida and Michigan help create some intriguing matchups in Week Four. The following are the ten best match-ups of the week across the country.

10. No. 3 Florida at Mississippi (12:30 p.m.)

Florida's offense, behind the legs and arm of quarterback Tim Tebow, erupted for 59 points against previously ranked conference rival Tennessee.

The Gators defense was equally impressive for a unit with many first time starters allowing only 37 yards rushing and forcing three turnovers. On the other hand, Ole Miss has yet to prove that they can consistently score or stop anyone from scoring this season.

**Score: Florida 52
Ole Miss 7**

9. Maryland at Wake Forest (3:30 p.m.)

The reigning ACC champs welcome a Maryland team that got run all over last week by West Virginia. While Wake's record may not be all that impressive, they have held close with superior teams in Boston College and Nebraska. Look for Wake to get a turnaround victory against a Maryland team that has yet to prove this season that they can effectively pass

the ball.

**Score: Wake 21
Maryland 14**

8. Michigan State at Notre Dame (3:30 p.m. NBC)

Things will continue to get worse in South Bend as the undefeated Spartans take on the winless Fighting Irish. Notre Dame is coming off an embarrassing performance against Michigan where they were shut out 38-0.

Charlie Weis said in his post game comments that the team was going back to training camp. Don't expect much immediate change in a Notre Dame offense that has yet to score a touchdown this season or from a defense that has allowed over 30 points every game so far.

**Score: Michigan State 34
Notre Dame 7**

7. Washington at UCLA (10:15 p.m.)

Both the Huskies and the Bruins received their first loss last week by large margins. The Huskies lost to a far superior, top-10 team in Ohio State.

The Bruins, on the other hand, suffered a 38-point defeat at the hands of Utah, knocking them from No. 11 in the polls to an afterthought in the Pac-10. Look for Washington quarterback Jake Locker to spread out the offense against a defense that allowed an unranked Utah team to score 44 points last week.

**Score: Washington 28
UCLA 17**

6. No. 15 Clemson at North Carolina State (12:00 p.m.)

The Clemson Tigers are probably the last team the 1-2



Butch Dill, John Amis / The Associated Press

Alabama's John Paker Wilson and Georgia's Thomas Brown will face off in an East-West showdown in the SEC.

Wolfpack want to see. The Wolfpack have allowed over 200 yards rushing in all three games this season including to Championship Subdivision team Wofford last week. This does not bode well for them as the Tigers have two of the

best running backs in the conference in their backfield. Clemson has also received an added boost in the passing game with quarterback Cullen Harper throwing ten touchdowns this season and no interceptions.

Score: Clemson 31 N.C. State 14

5. East Carolina at No. 5 West Virginia (12:00 p.m. ESPN2)

West Virginia has one the best rushing offenses in the

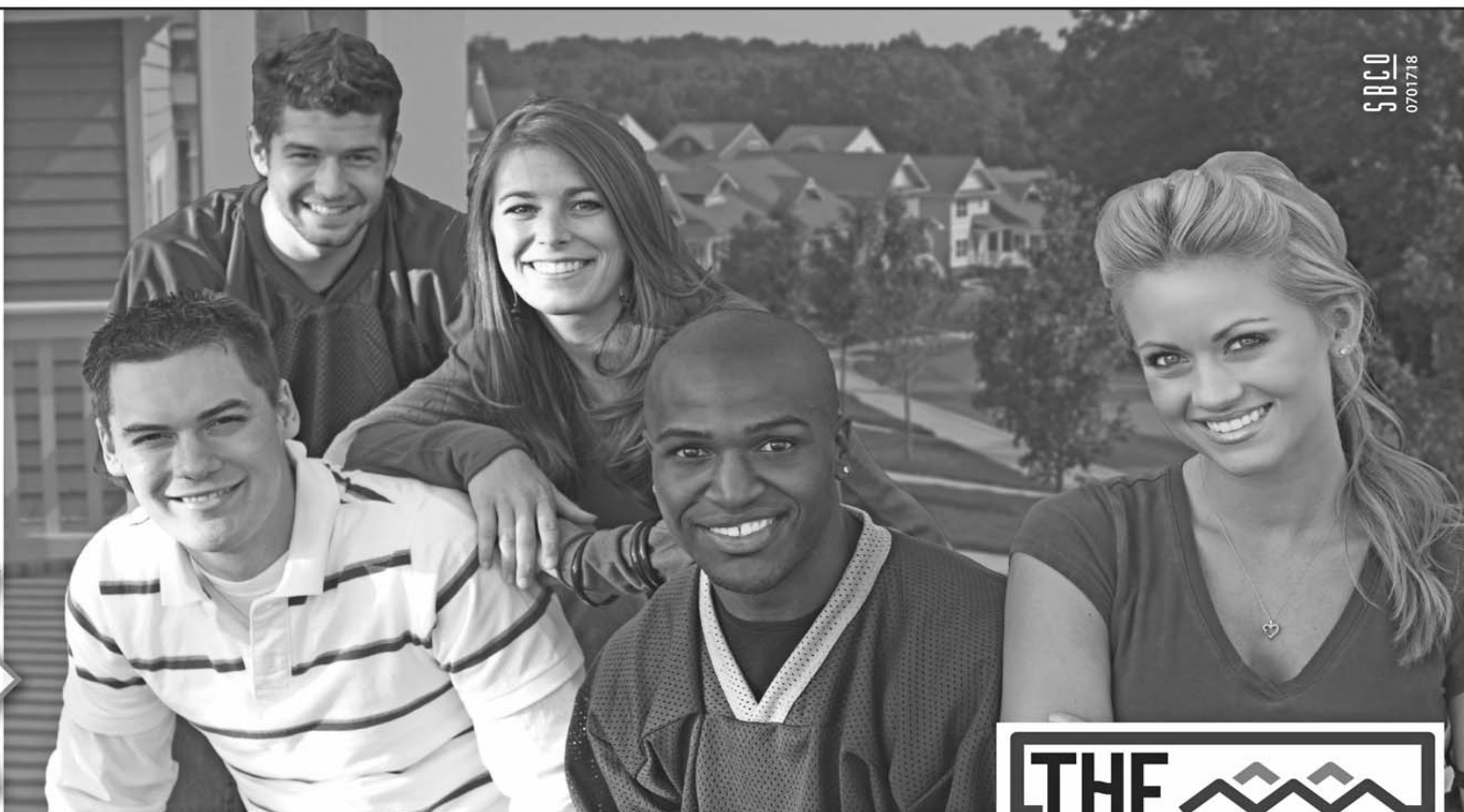
country averaging over 340 yards per game.

The emergence of freshman Noel Devine at tailback adds an additional feature to an already scary offense. East Carolina has

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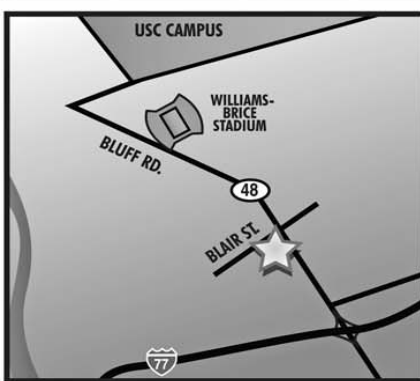
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This week's preview:

South Carolina vs. Louisiana State

Battle in trenches must go to USC

Offensive line faces stingy LSU front seven on Saturday

Michael Finnegan
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

When the No. 12 University of South Carolina Gamecocks travel to play No. 2 LSU, the key on the offensive side of the ball for the Gamecocks will be the play of the offensive line which has provided solid running room for the Gamecock offense but has struggled to protect the quarterbacks.

The LSU Tigers come into the game with a top-5 defense led by All-American Glenn Dorsey who opted to return to LSU for his senior season instead of declaring for the NFL draft where he was predicted to be a first round pick. Quarterback Blake Mitchell knows that his guys are up for the challenge.

"I believe in them. I believe they can do it," Mitchell said of the protection he hopes his line will provide him.

Mitchell also knows that the team already beat a top defense this year in Georgia and last year against Florida.

"They blocked good against Georgia and Florida last year and they just have to go out there and play like they like they are capable of playing," Mitchell said.

The offensive line will be going through some changes this week as they will be without junior Gurminder Thind, who will miss the game with an ankle injury. The line welcomes back senior James Thompson, who missed the first three games due to a suspension.

The running game should help the offensive line contain the likes of Dorsey and linebacker Ali Highsmith who leads Louisiana State with tackles.

This season, the running duo of Boyd and Davis is eighth in the country for a running back tandem. However, LSU comes in allowing less than a yard a carry to opposing offenses. Spurrier knows that his run blocking right now is better than the pass protection.

"The run blocking was good last week, but protection-wise, we have to get a lot better," USC coach Steve Spurrier said.

He also singled out one guy who is playing the best right now.

"Web Brown is playing the best out of all of them. Web is solid inside," Spurrier said

Jamon Meredith will be the key for the Gamecocks this week, as he will be matched up against Dorsey. As the left tackle, Meredith is responsible for protecting Blake's blind side and Mitchell has all the confidence in Meredith to do a great job.

"Jamon does pretty good for us. It is great to know they will be out there blocking," Mitchell said.

Mitchell also doesn't expect the line play to be perfect but just needs them to give it their all.

"I don't expect it to be perfect. But as long as they fight and try as hard as they can," Mitchell said. "That is what I am going to do."

Consistency key against Tigers

Bend, don't break mantra in full effect versus potent offensive attack

Chris Cox
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The numbers do not lie. Louisiana State's offense can be flat-out dominating. Over the last four games, dating back to the Tigers' thrashing of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish in the 2007 Sugar Bowl, the LSU offense has averaged 483 yards per game and is scoring an average of 45 points per game.

The Tigers have scored 40 or more points in all four contests. That's only happened one other time in LSU history.

So when the No. 12 Gamecocks arrive in Baton Rouge this weekend for their clash with the No. 2 Tigers, how will the South Carolina defense stop the high-octane offense of LSU?

Simple. Just keep doing what they're doing.

South Carolina's defense has yet to give up a touchdown in ten consecutive quarters, while only allowing a meager five field goals over the same span.

For Carolina to pull off the upset, the defense will once again have to step up and shut down an offense with several potential first-round NFL draft picks.

It will start up front for Carolina, as a new-look defense will attempt to shut down the talented quarterback combination of Matt Flynn and Ryan Perrilloux. Now that starting defensive end Nathan Pepper is sidelined for the remainder of the season due to a torn knee ligament, the Gamecocks are shifting around the defense in order to get the best players out on the field.

Outside linebacker Casper Brinkley, who is second on the team in total tackles with 17, has shifted back to his starting spot in 2006 at defensive end. True freshman Cliff Matthews, who saw his most extensive action of the season last weekend against S.C. State, will replace Brinkley at the outside linebacker spot.

"They're doing that because of (Matthews') pass-rushing skills," Casper Brinkley said. "They're going to utilize him in every way they can."

Coach Steve Spurrier believes the move is for the best.

"Cliff Matthews is a youngster

Casper Brinkley, switching back to defensive line for the injured Nathan Pepper, must minimize Tiger running back Jacob Hester's big yardage potential.

who can really run," Spurrier said. "He can run from sideline to sideline. We felt like he would be better at that standup defensive end/outside linebacker position. With Nathan Pepper hurt, and it appears he's going to have surgery, that's the move we felt was the best for our defense and our team."

However, Brinkley and Matthews, along with fellow starting defensive end Eric Norwood, will be interchangeable throughout the game by lining up at several different spots during the contest.

"It's so confusing to the offense because we're so versatile," Brinkley said. "It's fun, and when we see we're confusing the offense, we get a kick out of it. I'm excited. It really doesn't matter to me where I play. As long as I am on the field helping the team, I'm fine, to tell you the truth."

HEAD 2 HEAD

The Daily Gamecock
breaks down the key
matchups on both sides

Jamon Meredith



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USC offensive lineman Jamon Meredith will be protecting Blake Mitchell's blind side against one of the nation's best defensive players in Glenn Dorsey.

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had some success against the rushing attack of West Virginia allowing only 153 yards on the ground in last season’s meeting.

If West Virginia is to win this game it will be with Pat White being able to pass effectively when running lanes are closed. ECU will provide a scare early, but in the end the home crowd and the overall talent of West Virginia will be too much to contain.

Score: West Virginia 31 East Carolina 21

4. Iowa at No. 9 Wisconsin (8:00 p.m. ABC)

Wisconsin running back PJ Hill enjoyed a career day last Saturday against the Citadel scoring five touchdowns. Hill and the Badgers face a much tougher defense this week as they open up conference play against the Hawkeyes.

Iowa’s defense has allowed only 62.7 yards rushing a game and has let to allow a touchdown. Wisconsin hopes to pound the ball with Hill in order to open up the passing attack led by first year starter Tyler Donovan at quarterback. Iowa will give the Badgers their toughest test to date, but PJ Hill will be too much to handle in the end.

Score: Wisconsin 28 Iowa 17

3. No. 21 Kentucky at Arkansas (6:00 p.m. ESPN2)

These teams enter Saturday’s game coming off different sides of late game comebacks. Kentucky defeated in-state rival Louisville in the last minute of the game, while Arkansas surrendered a late touchdown that gave Alabama the victory.

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written all over it as Kentucky’s passing game, led by Andre Woodson, battles the Razorback’s rushing attack of Darren McFadden and Felix Jones. Kentucky currently has the worst rushing defense in the SEC allowing close to 185 yards a game. Look for McFadden and company to rush for over 250 yards as the Razorbacks win a close game.

Score: Arkansas 42 Kentucky 38

2. No. 10 Penn State at Michigan (3:30 p.m. ABC)

Thanks to early Michigan

defeats at the hands of Oregon and Appalachian State, Saturday’s game will not receive as much attention as it would if Michigan was undefeated.

However, Michigan regained some of their swagger last week as they shutout Notre Dame 38-0.

Running back Mike Hart carried the Wolverine offense last week as he rushed for 187 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Hart will have to work harder this week as Penn State boasts one the best rush defenses in the country.

Look for the Penn State

defense to put constant pressure on freshman Ryan Mallet in only his second career start.

The combination of a dynamic Penn State offense led by senior Anthony Morelli at quarterback and solid defensive play will translate to a victory in the Big House to start the Big Ten season.

Score: Penn State 31 Michigan 24

1. No. 22 Georgia at No. 16 Alabama (7:45 p.m. ESPN)

Saturday will mark the

first time Alabama enters a game ranked since 2005. The Tide’s comeback victory has provided the team with a sense of confidence that can contend with and beat top SEC teams. They face another tough test as the Bulldogs look to improve their SEC record to 1-1 following a loss to South Carolina.

Alabama emerged victorious last week despite turning the ball over three times and allowing 195 yards rushing to Darren McFadden. Look for the passing game led by John Parker Wilson to take their chances while still

protecting the ball.

Georgia’s offense revolves around their running game; however, if Alabama can contain the Dog’s rushing attack and force Matthew Stafford to throw, look for them have a good chance for victory. The swagger gained by this Alabama team, plus the help of the home crowd, will help them emerge victorious as they continue to make a run at the SEC West title.

Score: Alabama 24 Georgia 14

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5 Questions with Jake Broom

1. Does Carolina have a chance?

I’ve gone through my usual weekly routine. Sunday through Tuesday I think we are going to get destroyed on national TV. Wednesday I start to believe with five or six crucial LSU turnovers and a few dozen timely cramps, we’re right back in that thing. By Friday I’m starting to believe we’ve got a shot, and by Saturday morning, I’m positively giddy.

LSU has looked absolutely outrageous on defense. They have allowed one touchdown in three games, and only one team has even gotten into the red zone against them (Virginia Tech did it against their backups when the game was all but over).

The average score of their three games this year is 46-2.

The good news is Carolina will be the best team they have played. Virginia Tech is an average team in a horrible conference, and LSU’s other games have been against Middle Tennessee State and Mississippi State.

2. Why can’t USC afford to send the band to Baton

Rouge?

If you are one of the six people who read my column last week, you know I’m not a huge band guy. But I am still a little confused as to how we cannot afford to send the band to one of the biggest games our football team has played in the past decade.

I certainly understand the value of budgeting. But at some point you have to realize who you are budgeting for. The athletics department exists to serve the students, the student athletes and the fans. Sure it has evolved into a huge business, but the students are still at the core of it.

I was embarrassed when the athletics department sent two cheerleaders to the NIT Finals a few years ago. And every time a good play by the Gamecocks is followed up by awkward silence, I’ll be embarrassed again.

3. Will LSU's atmosphere be a problem for USC?

It is a well-known fact that nothing intimidates a college football team like 92,000 LSU fans. The stench of bourbon-coated body odor and corndogs permeating a late summer Baton Rouge afternoon sends shivers down my spine. But at least it isn’t a night game.

The Tigers are virtually unbeatable at night, so the 3:30 kickoff (2:30

in Louisiana) is in the Gamecocks’ favor. The fans won’t have quite as long to marinate, and the chance of rain can’t hurt, either.

4. Will Blake Mitchell finish the game?

I’m not trying to freak anybody out, but of the three starting quarterbacks LSU’s defense has faced, exactly zero have finished the game. They have either been injured or replaced by the time the fourth quarter rolled around. One guy even walked out of the stadium and hitchhiked home in his underwear, mumbling something about Cajuns in jean shorts. All right, I made that last part up.

5. What will happen if USC pulls off the upset?

My apartment complex got a little rowdy after the victory over Georgia. I can only imagine what would happen if the Gamecocks beat LSU.

Obviously we’re going into uncharted territory here, but I’ll go ahead and officially put the National Guard on notice. If USC can pull this off, 5 Points might actually explode. I’m not predicting a win, but with Steve Spurrier, you never know.

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